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Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully
requested in view of the following comments.

A response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed May 24, 2004, was filed
on July 26, 2004, or within two months of the mailing date of the final action (July 24th)

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having fallen on a Saturday). The Advisory Action, mailed on September 30, 2004, was not mailed until after the end of the shortened statutory period. Accordingly, any extension fee is to be calculated from the mailing date of the Advisory Action, or September 30, 2004.

The response is being filed with an RCE, and applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to submit this response and RCE. Thus, this response and RCE are timely filed within a one-month extension of time from the September 30, 2004 mailing date of the Advisory Action.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for a one-month extension of time and the RCE to Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (Docket No. YAMAP0572USA).